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Hydro Power Projects in Backward Areas
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major hydro power projects lying pending and incomplete in the country particularly in backward areas, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan to complete the pending projects assigned to the private sector; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a) to (c) : Presently, 44 Hydro-Electric Projects (HEPs) (above 25 MW) with total installed capacity of 11,993.5 MW are under construction in the country. Out of these 44 HEPs, 21 HEPs aggregating to 6429 MW are stalled / stressed due to various reasons. The state-wise details of such HEPs vis-Ã -vis the reasons for delay in commissioning are given at Annex.

In order to promote clean and renewable hydro electric power and make it sustainable, various options are under consideration of the Government, which, inter-alia, include:-

(i) Declaring all hydro power projects (irrespective of size) as renewable energy which would ensure coverage under Renewable Purchase Obligation and qualify for dispatch priority.

(ii) Providing cheaper credit to hydro power projects above 25 MW with a view to make tariff competitive.

(iii) Engaging with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) to work out modalities to reduce tariff by changing / rationalizing other tariff parameters like depreciation, O&M etc.

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